

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 80 Vicksburg, MS 39181

Description of Request: Tensas Basis, Red River Backwater, LA. The project is located in central and northeast Louisiana. For Operations and Maintenance

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water, Corps of Engineers

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Description of Request: Atchafalaya River and Bayous Chene, Boeuf & Black, LA. For operations and Maintenance.

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Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Red River Waterway Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 709, Shreveport, LA 71162

Description of Request: J. Bennett Johnston Waterway, LA. The project is located in central and northwest Louisiana and provides for 9-by 200-foot navigation extending about 236 miles from the Mississippi River through Old River and Red River to the vicinity of Shreveport, Louisiana. Five locks and adjacent dams provide a lift of approximately 141 feet. The project also provides for realigning the banks of the Red River from the Mississippi River to Shreveport by means of dredging, cutoffs, and training works and stabilizing its banks by means of revetments, dikes, and other methods.

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Description of Request: Lake Providence Harbor, LA. Lake Providence Harbor is an inland harbor, located along the Mississippi River in East Carroll Parish, Louisiana. Without maintenance dredging funds, this harbor will lose project dimensions requiring the port to be shut down during the busiest time of the year when crops are harvested and shipped. This harbor services many small communities and farmers in Louisiana. The project was constructed in 1980 and has been maintained annually. The loss of navigation will have significant adverse economic impacts on the region.

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Description of Request: Madison Parish Port, LA. Madison Parish Port is a fast water, shallow draft port, located on the Mississippi

River in Madison Parish, Louisiana. Without maintenance dredging funds, this port will lose project dimensions requiring the port to be shut down during the busiest time of the year when crops are harvested and shipped. This port services many small communities and farmers in Louisiana. The project was constructed in 1980 and has been maintained annually. The loss of navigation will have significant adverse economic impacts on the region.

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Description of Request: Mississippi River, Baton Rouge to the Gulf of Mexico, LA. Operation and maintenance funds for the Mississippi River Ship Channel Baton Rouge to the Gulf of Mexico are not adequate to keep international commerce moving without delays and light loadings. Additional funds are needed to repair pile dikes, foreshore dikes and jet-ties and some residual damage to structures from Hurricane Katrina.

Requesting Member: Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

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Account: Energy and Water, Department of Energy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Louisiana Tech University

Address of Requesting Entity: Ruston, La
Description of Request: Bionanotechnology: Research and Commercialization (LA). Three biorefinery projects will help invigorate the economy in North Louisiana and decrease the entire nation's dependency on fossil fuels. Louisiana Tech has world class expertise including algae to biodiesel, cellulosic ethanol, and nanoengineered fischer-tropsch catalysts.

A TRIBUTE TO CONSTANCE V. HAY-ALLEYNE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Constance V. Hay-Alleyne.

Constance has lived life as a goal oriented and knowledgeable Registered Nurse with ambitious and humanitarian social motivations. Constance is well known in the Panamanian and Caribbean communities. Her delightful intellectual curiosity has served her professional growth well. She holds a BSN and MSN degrees from Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn, New York and Georgetown University, in Washington D.C., respectively. She has distinguished herself as a competent Nurse Manager and Administrator for over three decades, in the Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Washington D.C. areas. In 1981, she joined the United States Army Nurses Corps, served as a Captain, active duty and in reserve.

At home, Constance has raised her four children to love and respect everyone especially their elders. She insufflated in them positive outlooks in life and motivation to do "as much as they can" with care and dignity. It

could not be otherwise since this has been an inheritance from her parents: John who died at the age of 114 and Imogene, at age 82. Faithful to that motto, she has been involved in many other activities such as a mediator at the Fafe Horizon Brooklyn Mediation Center, as a Board Member of the Community Board 5 and as the Chair for Education and Training for Tashia's Life, a lupus foundation.

She was miraculously rescued from the September 11, 2001 disaster at WTI. This encounter made her redefine her mission on earth, realizing that God had saved her life for some special purpose. She serves the Lord at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Canarsie, Brooklyn, where she functions as a Lay Ecinencial Minister, as well as a Vestry.

Throughout her career, Mrs. Hay-Alleyne has received numerous awards and recognitions including: being featured in "Who's Who?" in Nursing in Cambridge.

IN RECOGNITION OF AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS (AHECs)

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the contributions of the nation's Area Health Education Centers (AHECs) and applaud the vitally important healthcare workforce programs they conduct to improve access to healthcare for medically underserved individuals.

AHECs, established by Congress in 1971 as one of the Title VII Health Professions Training programs, are the workforce development, training and education machine for the nation's healthcare safety net programs. Across the nation, 54 AHEC programs and more than 200 affiliated AHEC centers collaborate with over 120 medical schools and 600 nursing and allied health programs to improve the quality, geographic distribution and diversity of the primary care workforce.

Last year, AHECs facilitated the placement of more than 44,000 health professional students in almost 17,000 community-based practice settings nationwide including community health centers, rural health clinics, critical access hospitals, tribal clinics and public health departments. To address the growing shortage of health care professionals in America, nearly 102,000 students received more than 20 hours of health career exposure, information, and academic enhancement to prepare them for health professions training programs.

The University of South Florida's AHEC Program connects students to careers, professionals to communities, and communities to better health. The USF AHEC Program inspires youth to choose a career in the health professions with its health career camps, mentoring programs, college preparatory courses and more. USF focuses on recruiting more minority and disadvantaged youth into health careers because as the nation's population becomes more diverse, it is important that the health care workforce reflects that diversity. AHECs in the Tampa Bay area are dedicated to community service and committed to enhancing the lives of Florida's most vulnerable

populations who often go without health care due to geographic isolation and economic or social status. Local AHECs work tirelessly to ensure that no Floridian is without timely access to quality health care, and last year alone more than 1,700 medical students from the USF AHECs provided more than 215,000 hours of care to an estimated 350,000 patients.

Not only have AHECs have supported the education of future professionals, but they have supported more than 400,000 health professionals caring for the medically underserved with programs designed to enhance their skills, knowledge, and quality of care. AHECs have awarded 1.1 million contact hours of continuing education programs to current health professionals. AHECs extend the academic resources of health professions training programs into rural and medically underserved communities throughout the United States by creating partnerships between the health science centers that train health professions students, residents, faculty, and practitioners and the local providers that care for our nation's increasing number of medically underserved citizens.

Madam Speaker, through community-based interdisciplinary training programs, AHECs identify, inspire, recruit, educate, and retain a health care workforce committed to underserved populations. To that end, I would like to take this opportunity to officially recognize National AHEC Week, March 23 through March 27, 2009.

A TRIBUTE TO GLORIA COOKE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Gloria Cooke, President of the AARP National Organization and community activist.

Gloria Cooke was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. Gloria attended Franklin K. Lane High School, and completed her education at Kingsborough College where she majored in computer technology.

Ms. Cooke attends Mt. Zion Baptist Church faithfully, under the direction of Pastor Dan Craig.

Gloria was a care giver for her mother and brother before they expired.

Gloria's love of her life is her only son Charles.

Ms. Cooke entered into the work force and became a leader in the banking industry for a period of 36 years. She worked for Bankers Trust for 25 years, and Chase Manhattan. She also is a member of Penn Wortman Senior Center. Gloria is a community activist and enjoys volunteering to help her community, neighbors and friends to help them in anyway she can.

Ms. Cooke is the President of the AARP National Organization; she was given the position in the AARP Chapter which was founded by Director of Penn Wortman and Pink Senior Center Liz Sanders. The AARP Chapter serves the East New York community.

Her favorite hobby is travelling to the Caribbean Islands at least three times a year which inspired her to become a travel agent.

A TRIBUTE TO BARBARA NICOLE HOWARD

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Barbara Nicole Howard, a Health Department Representative and distinguished public servant.

Barbara Howard is a Health Department Representative for the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Public Health Detailing Program. The Public Health Detailing Program works with primary health care providers to improve patient care around key public health challenges in the areas of NYC with healthcare disparities. Ms. Howard provides medical providers with clinical tools and patient education materials via one-on-one relationships to improve health outcomes in the community.

Barbara Nicole Howard was born in the Bronx, New York to Henry and Barbara Howard. The family moved to Staten Island shortly thereafter due to the need for a larger apartment and the 1970's housing shortage. Through the years, she volunteered at soup kitchens, homeless shelters, HIV/AIDS programs, special needs children's organizations, and hospitals; developing a heart for servicing the community.

Ms. Howard obtained a Bachelor's of Art Degree in Sociology and a minor in Urban Affairs from Hunter College. After completing her studies, she worked in Brooklyn for the Legal Aid Society as a Forensic Social Work Assistant finding alternatives to incarceration for clients. She was then afforded the opportunity to work with the NYC Health and Hospital Corporation's Discharge Planning Program at Riker's Island for the mentally ill population as a Discharge Planner. She also had several promotions and worked as Supervisor of Discharge Planning / Community Liason. Ms. Howard enrolled in Baruch College's Executive Master of Public Administration program. Afterwards, Ms. Howard recommitted to public service as Provider Liason for the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Early Intervention Program. After three years with the Early Intervention Program, Ms. Howard devoted herself to public health and began to work with the Public Health Detailing Program.

Although, she continues to live in Staten Island, Ms. Howard has made Brooklyn her second home. She works, worships, and has many friends within Brooklyn. Ms. Howard is currently an active member of the Brooklyn Tabernacle in downtown Brooklyn.

A TRIBUTE TO VANESSA HUGHES

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Vanessa Hughes.

Vanessa Hughes was born August 17, 1959 to Rose and Leonard Reid Sr. She is the middle of five children and has two surviving brothers, Jeffrey and Bruce, one sister Shellyssa, and a deceased brother Leonard Jr.

Ms. Hughes attended neighboring schools, P.S. 260 and JHS 211. She has worked to support her community throughout her life. Known for her energy and enthusiasm, Ms. Hughes is the founder of the Community Based Operations for All Neighborhoods, a community civic group whose motto is "Building Better Communities One Block at a Time."

The need for community, social, recreational and education programs was the structure for the implementation of C.B.O.F.A.N. A strong advocate of children oriented activities and programs, Ms. Hughes implemented an "Annual Mardi Gras Health and Awareness" event which brought local programs such as the public library, Office of Environmental Management and Parks Department to the community to explain the services they offer.

As the current Grievance Committee Chairperson of the Breuklen Tenant Association, Ms. Hughes acts as a liaison between the community residents and the management of the Breuklen Housing Development by keeping abreast of the needs of the community and forwarding them to the proper people to have them resolved.

As a community activist, Ms. Hughes can be found working with the Breuklen Community Head Start Program, Breuklen Community Center, elected officials, neighborhood businesses and her C.B.O.F.A.N. to ensure that the needs of her community are met for the betterment of the community.

Please join me Madam Speaker in recognizing Vanessa Hughes' passion for public service.

A TRIBUTE TO LEORA KEITH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Leora Keith.

Mrs. Leora Keith is a widow and mother of four biological daughters. She is the adoptive mother of two and a past foster mother. She is a retired early childhood educator who served thirty seven years with the New York City Board of Education. Mrs. Keith encouraged countless children and their families, as she guided them towards successful careers.

Mrs. Keith has been a member of the Upper Room Full Gospel Baptist Church for more than thirty years, where she has served on the Usher Board, as church clerk, worked with the youth and sings in the Senior Choir. Through her work with her congregation, she has inspired many with her commitment to family, community and church.

Mrs. Keith is affiliated with the Order of Eastern Star under the Star of Bethlehem Grand Chapter where she held the titles of Matron and a Deputy Grand Matron. She is a lifelong member of the National Council of Negro Women Inc., where she served as Vice President of the Brooklyn section. A member of the Brooklyn Reading Association, The New York Alliance of Black School Educators, Board member of the Nascent Victorian Place Cultural Center, which is a non-profit multi-cultural center, dedicated to building links between communities. She is currently President of Tompkins Houses Resident Association Inc., where she partners with the Fresh Air